TV transmitters in Assam

2109. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of T.V. transmission centres in Assam;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a T.V. transmission centre at Dhuburi in Assam; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Seven TV transmitters are, at present, functioning in Assam.

(b) There is no such proposal under the Government's consideration at present. However, it is expected that on commissioning of the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Tura under implementation at present, parts of Dhuburi district will also receive TV signals, subject to local terrain conditions.

(c) Does not arise.

Drinking water facilities in Assam villages

2110. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released to Assam under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme during 1986-1988 for providing drinking water facility in rural areas;

(b) whether any survey was conducted in Assam to identify villages lacking adequate drinking water; and

(c) if so, the number of such villages without facility for drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A sum of Rs. 2575.68 lakhs was released to Assam under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Prgoramme during 1986-88.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the survey conducted in Assam in 1985, 2481 villages were identified as problem villages in addition to 7089 problem villages spilled over from the Sixth Plan. Thus as on 1.4.85, 9570 problem villages existed in the State. During the first three years of the Seventh Plan (1985-88), 4321 problem villages were covered from 1.4.85 upto 29.2.88 leaving behind 5249 problem villages without adequate drinking water facilities. These will be covered in 1988-89 and 1989-90.

Quarters allotted to the wards of retired Government employees

2111. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3203 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some more quarters in Prem Nagar, D/Sector Mandir Marg and R.K. Puram Sector VII, besides the Quarter No. 1927, Sector III, M.B. Road, were allotted to the wards of retired Government employees, who are working in R.M.L. Hospital, Directorate of Estates and the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(b) whether these quarters belong to a pool, other than General Pool; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) under what rules these quarters were allotted, stating the reasons for which a uniform policy is not being followed in this regard?